

RIVERS CROSSING COMMUNITY CHURCH

Community Group Discussion Guide
October 29, 2017



Courageous Faith for Crazy Times – Week #4

INTRO:

Pastor Paul said “We (Jesus followers) will either create and influence culture, isolate ourselves from it in segregation, or simply become a part of the existing culture of the world.” As you think about how you engage culture, which path do you most commonly take?

DIVE IN:

We continue this week with Daniel 4 – Dive into the chapter together this week and read through Daniel 4:1-37. Discuss the following questions as your group processes the idea of “Babylonian state of Mind” that’s bigger than a specific nation, time, people group, etc... but a heart issue that is ongoing in our world...

1. King Nebby K verbally “praised” God, but lived as if God didn’t really matter... Contrast vs 1-3 with vs 4 & 30. How do you see this play out in culture around you and even in your own life?
2. Pastor Paul said that the biggest trick of the Devil is to convince us that he is “for US” and God is only for himself. We start making statements like “Surely God wouldn’t want me to...” or “God wants me to be happy, right... So I can do...” How does this lie play into the way we engage God?
3. In the King’s dream, the tree is chopped down to a stump (vs 15). There’s always hope. There’s always a way for God to restore. What is down to a stump for you that you’re questioning God on ever restoring? Is it your marriage, a relationship with one of your kids, a job struggle, bankruptcy, etc...?
4. Daniel interprets the King’s dream (vs 19-26). After giving the interpretation, Daniel gives the King some direct advice – Stop sinning and do what is right! How do you handle giving and/or receiving direct advice?
5. King Nebby K hears the message but nothing changes (vs 28-29) – he goes on living for another year before God’s prophetic message plays out. When you receive a prompting from God to change, repent, act, etc... how quickly do you act? How does God’s word come to fruition whether you act or not?
6. King Nebby K was humbled, driven into the wild, and the prophecy fulfilled (vs 31-33). Pastor Paul said “either you can humble yourself or God will humble you.” How have you experienced this in your life, either by humbling yourself or by God humbling you? What’s the difference between self-humbling and experiencing humiliation?
7. The “Babylonian State of Mind” says there’s no one but me. How do we overcome the “me, me, me...” mindset?

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8. How are you exulting God in your life (vs 34-36)?
9. Where do you need to give God credit in your life (1 Cor 4:7)?
10. What pride are you carrying that you need to humble yourself of (vs 37)?

NOW WHAT:

11. What part of this week's message has had the greatest impact on you? What truth(s) has God taught you through the message and our group discussion?
12. What do you need to do with that truth this week to become a fully engaged follower of Jesus?